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Defend Dallas, Lawyer Urges

Dallas attorney David Witts told the Dallas Salesmanship Club Thursday that the city is being falsely accused throughout the world for a tragedy in which it had no guilt.

"As shocking as the tragic assassination itself is the use which has been made, whether by ignorance or by plan, to turn the murder-ous act of a Communist into a vicious complaint against Dallas and Texas," Mr. Witts said at a noon luncheon in the Dallas Athletic Club.

Mr. Witts charged that in all communications media a massive effort has been made to cover up the fact that the assassin was a Communist.

He told the group that when Lee Harvey Oswald defected to the Soviet Union he took with him such important military code and electronic secrets that the Marine Corps had to change its whole system of codes on the West Coast.

"The speed with which Oswald obtained a Russia visa, when it normally takes from 60 to 90 days, indicates the Soviets gave him special attention," the lawyer said. "He either had a visa while still on duty as a Marine or received one immediately, cutting through red tape."

Mr. Witts said that among other things that would indicate favored treatment by the Soviets for Oswald was his job in Minsk, where he could not possibly have lived because the Soviets claimed

"And on that salary he traveled, enjoyed social life, met and married the relative of a Soviet intelligence agent, all fitting the pattern for espionage agents," the lawyer said.

Mr. Witts said that when Oswald "re-defected" back to this country the Soviets granted him visa and passports for his wife immediately and while the U.S. embassy paid for his trip, someone else paid for his wife's.

"Oswald received unusually special treatment by the Soviets and this would not have been done unless it was of some use to the Soviet intelligence service," Mr. Witts said.

He said the first news bulletin from Radio Moscow after the assassination was that the shots were fired by right-wing extremists.

"That was the party line and it has been amplified ever since by the Communists," he said.

Dallas attorney said Minsk was the location of a Soviet intelligence office.